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FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS DEPARTMENT GAVE OFF-THE-RECORD BACKGROUND BRIEFING TO SELECTED BRITISH JOURNALISTS APRIL 15 WHICH REFLECTED BRITISH NERVOUSNESS THAT HIGH-FLIGHTS INTO BERLIN MIGHT JEOPARDIZE SUMMIT MEETING. OUR CORRESPONDENT WHO PRESENT AT BRIEFING STATED THAT LONDON TIMES AND DAILY HERALD'S EDITORIALS REPORTED IN REFERENCE TELEGRAM WERE FOREIGN OFFICE INSPIRED. SAME SOURCE STATED THAT ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN FOREIGN SECRETARY SELWYN LLOYD WHEN IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON DISAGREED ON ADVISABILITY OF HIGH-FLIGHTS INTO BERLIN AND THAT RECURRENCE OF THESE FLIGHTS SUGGESTED THAT PENTAGON HAD WON OUT OVER STATE.

SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN INDICATED HMG WANTED SUMMIT MEETING IN VIENNA DURING AUGUST.

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